(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) During the period April '95—January '96, the peaking shortage in the country was 18.2%.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) In order to bridge the gap between demand and availability, amongst the measures being taken are—expediting the commissioning of new generating capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, implementation of R & M programme, reduction of T&D losses, implementation of better demand management & energy conservation measures and exchange of power between neighbouring states/ systems etc.

Pending Cases of Public Provident Fund Claims

47. SHRI NAGMANI:
CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the state-wise details of cases relating to the final payment of Public Provident Fund claims pending with Government and since when these claims are pending;

(b) the reasons for the pendency of these claims; and

(c) the measures Government have taken for immediate payment of the amount of these claims and the action being taken against the officers responsible for the delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) The cases of final payments of the Public Provident Fund claims are settled by the bank/post office directly where the account stands, as per provisions of Public Provident Fund Scheme, 1968. Hence no claims are pending with the Government.

(b) and (c) do not arise.

विद्युत उत्पादन में गिरावट

48. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:** क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या देश में इस वर्ष विद्युत का उत्पादन कम होने की आशंका है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार ने विद्युत की मांग के अनुरूप उसका उत्पादन बढ़ाने हेतु क्या प्रयास किए हैं?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती उर्मिला-बेन चिमनभाई पटेल): (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं। अप्रैल, 95—जनवरी, 96 की अवधि के दौरान 312081 मि०यू० के लक्ष्य की तुलना में ऊर्जा उत्पादन 314802 मि०यू० था, जो लक्ष्य का 100.8% है। यह प्रत्याशा की जाती है कि सम्पूर्ण वित्तीय वर्ष के लिए लक्ष्य प्राप्त करने में कमी नहीं होगी।

(ग) विद्युत उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिए शुरू किए गए उपायों में अधिष्ठापित क्षमता का अधिकतम समुपयोजन करना, ताप विद्युत केन्द्रों के लिए उचित गुणवत्ता एवं मात्रा वाली आपूर्ति की मानीटरिंग करना तथा विद्यमान विद्युत स्टेशनों का उन्नयनीकरण करना शामिल है। पारेषण एवं वितरण हानियों को कम करने के लिए स्कीमें आरम्भ करने के अतिरिक्त, केन्द्रों तथा राज्य दोनों स्तरों पर सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र में चालू परियोजनाओं का शीघ्र क्रियान्वयन किए जाने हेतु कदम भी उठाए गए हैं। निजी क्षेत्र की भागीदारी को भी प्रोत्साहन दिया जा रहा है।

Programmes Transmitted by Doordarshan and All India Radio

49. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quality of programmes transmitted by Doordarshan and All India Radio is far from satisfactory;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Prime Minister has recently made adverse remarks in this regard;

(c) if so, the action is being taken to improve the quality of performance of AIR and Doordarshan;

(d) whether inspite of a large number of complaints/suggestions about the display of undesired, obscene and highly objectionable pictures and advertisements on Doordarshan, no action has been taken to delete/modify such programmes; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No Sir. The Prime Minister laid emphasis on the need to compete in the matter of quality of programmes. In fact, improvement in the quality of programmes is a continuous process and all efforts are made to bring more improvement.

(d) The advertisements shown on Doordarshan are being approved strictly as per guidelines prescribed in the Code for Commercial advertising on Doordarshan.

(e) Does not arise.

Report of Fifth Pay Commission

50. SHRI RAGHAVJI:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have so far received the Final Report of the Fifth Pay Commission set up for the Central Government employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for delay indicating how much time is likely to be taken by the Commission; and

(c) whether Government propose to give some interim relief to its employees pending submission of report, keeping in view high prices of all essential commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Final report has not yet been Submitted by the Fifth Central Pay Commission. In accordance with the terms of reference, the Commission, is required to submit its final report as soon as feasible.

(c) The Government have already sanctioned interim relief twice—effective from 16.9.93 and 1.4.95. At present, there is no proposal to grant another instalment of interim relief Further, periodical increase in prices is compensated by granting increase in dearness allowance under the 4th Pay Commission formula.

Non-Filling of SC/ST Vacancies in Nationalised Banks

51. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the vacancies reserved for SC/ST in all the nationalised banks have been filled as on date;

(b) if not, the backlog of SC/ST vacancies, Bank-wise as on date and the reasons for not-filling of these vacancies in each bank;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to fill these vacancies at the earliest; and

(d) whether any time bound programme will be set for filling up the reserved vacancies if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) and (b)